

Guardian ad Litem are neutral parties assigned to advance the child's best interest. They gather information and provide recommendations assist the Court in making decisions that promote the best interest of the child.

Thurston County's Guardian ad Litem Training complies with the AOC developed curriculum for Title 26 Guardian ad Litem. CLE credits are available. Completion of this training does not guarantee placement on the court's GAL registry. Please contact your local court for qualifications and/or any additional requirements.



**Thurston County Superior Court
Family & Juvenile Court**

Mail: 2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW,
Olympia, WA 98502

Location: 2801 32nd Ave SW,
Tumwater, WA

**Title 26
Guardian ad Litem
Training**

**November 6-15th, 2003
Olympia, WA**



Sponsored by:

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About the Presenters...

Patricia J. Bland, M.A. CCDC -

Ms. Bland has served both as an advocate and lead chemical dependency counselor at New Beginnings for Battered Women and their Children's shelter and community based program in Seattle for eleven years. Patti developed the Domestic Violence/Chemical Dependency Outreach Project for King County at the Alcohol Drug Helpline in 1994. She also served as the Domestic Violence Trainer for Providence Health System Family Violence Program for five years and as an Adjunct Professor at Antioch University and Seattle Community College. Currently she is the Statewide Training Project Coordinator for the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse in Juneau. She has published several articles on chemical dependency and domestic violence and completed development of domestic violence curricula for the Washington State Medical Association and the Perinatal Partnership Against Domestic Violence. Patti is also the author of the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Basic Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Curriculum for Advocates.

Dr. Peter Jaffe, PhD Clinical Psychology -

Dr. Jaffe is the Founding Director of the Centre for Children and Families in the Justice System of the London Family Court Clinic (London, Ontario, Canada), which is a children's mental health center specializing in issues that bring children and families into the justice system. He is a member of the Clinical Adjunct Faculty for the Departments of Psychology and Psychiatry at the University of Western Ontario. In 1980, Dr. Jaffe was the founding Chairperson of the London Coordinating Committee to End Woman Abuse and is currently actively involved in research on the impact of family violence on children. He has co-authored several books on domestic violence including, *Children of Battered Women* and *Working Together to End Domestic Violence*. He has been instrumental in developing the violence prevention program in his school district as a trustee for the past 20 years. Dr. Jaffe received his undergraduate training from McGill University in Montreal and his PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Western Ontario.

Carol Thomas -

Carol Thomas is a licensed Mental Health Counselor and designated Child Mental Health Specialist, working with children and families in Spokane, Washington for the past twenty-seven years. The focus of her work includes evaluations and treatment for young children and their families who have experienced traumatic events, such as neglect, abuse, domestic violence, parental substance abuse, separation and loss of family. Much of her work centers around attachment and bonding and the effects of trauma on a child's social emotional development. Carol also provides trainings to Department of Children and Family Services Case Workers, Guardians ad Litem, foster parents, mental health professionals and students.

Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Training Schedule

Thursday, November 6th: 6:30-9:30pm

- Introduction to Service
- Ethics, *Eileen Lemke-Mecon*

Friday, November 7th: 8:30-3:30pm

- Child Development, *Carol Thomas*
- Law and Legal Process, *Superior Court Commissioners Christopher Wickham and Scott Neilson*

Saturday, November 8th: 8:30-3:30pm

All day presentation by Dr. Peter Jaffe.

- Child Development
- Child Abuse and Neglect
- Domestic Violence

Thursday, November 13th: 6:30-9:30pm

- Systems and Resources, *Assistant Attorney General*
- Child Abuse and Neglect, *CPS Social Workers*

Friday, November 14th: 8:30-3:30pm

- Cultural Sensitivity
- Personal Safety
- Sexual Abuse, *Sue Batson*

Saturday, November 15th: 8:30-3:30pm

All day presentation by Patricia Bland, M.A. CDCC.

- Chemical Dependency and Mental Health
- Effects of Domestic Violence on Children
- Interviewing/Investigation

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Guardian ad Litem Training Registration Form

Registration Fee: \$325

There is a reduced fee of \$100 for current Thurston County GAL's.

Please Make Checks Payable to:

Thurston County Family & Juvenile Court

Space is Limited!

Payments and Registration Form must be received by
Friday, October 24th, 2003.

Please mail payment and form to:

*GAL Registration
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98502*

**A confirmation letter and map to the training site will
be mailed upon receipt of payment.**

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone (Home)

Telephone (Work/Cell)

**For more information please contact:
Wendy Mayo (360) 709-3231**